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SUBJECT: MESSAGE TO PRESIDENT TOLBERT

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1. PLEASE PASS THE FOLLOWING MESSAGE TO PRESIDENT TOLBERT:

2. QUOTE: DEAR MR. PRESIDENT: I WAS PLEASED TO RECEIVE
YOUR LETTER OF OCTOBER 14 AND YOUR OBSERVATIONS AND
ADVICE ON THE SETTLEMENT IN NAMIBIA. I TOO REGRET THAT
WE WERE UNABLE TO MEET AND DISCUSS THIS MATTER DURING
YOUR VISIT TO THE UNITED STATES.

I APPRECIATE YOUR CONCERNS THAT THE UNITED NATIONS, SWAPO
AND SOUTH AFRICA SHOULD BE INVOLVED IN A SOLUTION OF THE
NAMIBIAN PROBLEM. INDEED, I BELIEVE A SETTLEMENT MAY
BE REACHED ON THE BASIS OF THE FOLLOWING POINTS:

(A) THE SOUTH AFRICAN GOVERNMENT WILL CONFIRM A DATE OF
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INDEPENDENCE FOR NAMIBIA; (B) A CONFERENCE WILL BE

CALLED IN GENEVA UNDER UN AUSPICES; (C) SWAPO WILL BE INCLUDED IN THE CONFERENCE; (D) SOUT; AFRICA WILL SEND A REPRESENTATIVE TO GENEVA TO DISCUSS ALL ISSUES OF A BILATERAL NATURE BETWEEN SOUTH AFRICA AND NAMIBIA; AND

(F) THE SOUTH AFRICAN GOVERNMENT WILL STATE A WILLINGNESS TO ACCEPT THE CONCLUSIONS OF THE CONFERENCE ON ALL SUBJECTS RELATED TO NAMIBIAN INDEPENDENCE.

I FEEL THAT A SETTLEMENT WHICH FOLLOWS THESE PROPOSALS MEETS THE PRINCIPAL CONCERNS OF SWAPO AND THE FRONT-LINE PRESIDENTS, AS WELL AS PROVIDING A FORMULA WHICH WILL PERMIT SOUTH AFRICA'S DISENGAGEMENT FROM NAMIBIA. WE MUST ALL SEEK TO AVOID A SITUATION IN WHICH SOUTH AFRICA FEELS IT IS BEING CONFRONTED WITH IMPOSSIBLE DEMANDS. ONCE A CONFERENCE IN GENEVA IS CALLED, THE OUTCOME WILL BE CERTAIN. SWAPO WILL ENJOY THE SUPPORT OF THE UNITED NATIONS AND THE ORGANIZATION OF AFRICAN UNITY. NEITHER SOUTH AFRICA NOR ANY DELEGATES FROM THE WINDHOEK CONFERENCE WILL HAVE SIMILAR INTERNATIONAL SUPPORT. AS YOU KNOW, I MENTIONED SWAPO FAVORABLY IN MY SPEECH TO THE UNITED NATIONS GENERAL ASSEMBLY. IN ADDITION, I MET WITH SAM NUJOMA AND OUR MEETING RECEIVED EXTENSIVE PUBLICITY. SECURE IN ITS INTERNATIONAL SUPPORT AND BACKED BY THE UNITED NATIONS, SWAPO WILL ENJOY GREAT STRENGTH IN GENEVA.

I HAVE ASKED THE AFRICAN PARTIES TO CONSIDER THESE PROPOSALS AND TO DECIDE IF THEY OFFER AN ACCEPTABLE FORMULA FOR SETTLEMENT. ONCE WE HAVE AN INDICATION OF HOW THE AFRICAN PARTIES WISH TO PROCEED, WE ARE PREPARED TO USE OUR INFLUENCE TO MAKE SURE THAT THE PROPOSALS FOR A SETTLEMENT ARE MADE PUBLIC AND THAT THE NEGOTIATIONS ARE BROUGHT TO A RAPID AND SUCCESSFUL CONCLUSION.

I LOOK FORWARD TO YOUR UNDERSTANDING AND SUPPORT OF A PEACEFUL SETTLEMENT AND LOOK FORWARD TO YOUR CONTINUING TO PROVIDE ME WITH YOUR VIEWS ON HOW BEST TO PROCEED.
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WITH WARM REGARDS, HENRY A. KISSINGER. UNQUOTE.

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